

PER CAPITA MEDICAL EXPENDITURES

On a per capita basis DOC medical expenditures rose 15.6% in FY 2000, declined 3.3% in FY 2001, rose 8.8% in FY 2002 and increased 0.3% in FY 2003. It is very difficult to predict medical costs, however generally speaking the fluctuations may be attributed to inflation, an increase in the number of inmates requiring expensive HIV and Hepatitis C treatment, rising inpatient medical service costs, and an aging offender population. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (formerly known as Trigon) is the third party health services administrator for the Department of Corrections. During FY 2003, Anthem bills were lower when compared to FY 2002 for inpatient, outpatient and professional services by -19.1%, -19.8% and -15.1% respectively, while the cost of drugs rose by 4.7% in the Anthem bills.

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